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FROM TRIMBLE.

SINCE FRENCH ARE UNWILLING JOIN WITH US AND BRITISH IN TRIPARTITE
STATEMENT (PARIS 1672 TO DEPT) DO NOT BELIEVE FURTHER U.S.
PUBLIC STATEMENTS REQUIRED AT THIS TIME. NEITHER BRANDT OR
AMREHN SUGGESTED SUCH STEP WHEN I SAW THEM DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY
AND BOTH SEEMED ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH STATEMENTS U.S. HAS
ALREADY MADE ON PRESENT SITUATION. WE HAVE MADE OUR POSITION
ABUNDANTLY CLEAR IN PAST. TO CONTINUE TO REITERATE OUR
GUARANTEES TO BERLIN APPEARS TO ME WOULD ACHIEVE LITTLE
OR NOTHING AT THIS JUNCTURE AND POSSIBLE CREATE IMPRESSION
WE NOT REALLY SINCERE BECAUSE "WE PROTEST TOO MUCH." ON OTHER
HAND CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE FRENCH BE INDUCED TO MAKE STATEMENT
COMPARABLE TO THOSE ALREADY ISSUED BY WASHINGTON AND LONDON.
CONTINUED SILENCE ON PART FRENCH GOVT MIGHT WEEL BE ADVERSELY
INTERPRETED HERE FROM STANDPOINT ALLIED UNITY.

FEEL IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT THREE AMBASSADORS MOSCOW RAISE
QUESTION KHRUSHCHEV'S STATEMENTS WITH GROMYKO, MAKING OUR
POSITION UNMISTAKABLY CLEAR AND STRESSING LEGAL JUSTIFICATION
OUR PRESENCE BERLIN. SINCE IT POSSIBLE SOVIET MAY SHORTLY
INITIATE ONE OR MORE STEPS RE TRANSFER AUTHORITY GDR FOREIGN
SHADOWED BY KHRUSHCHEV, WEST APPROACH SHOULD, IN OUR VIEW,
BE MADE SOONEST.

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BELIEVE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE MERIT BRANDT'S SUGGESTION THAT WE HAVE AMERICANS OF NATIONAL STATURE WHO ARE ALSO LEADING FIGURES REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES VISIT BERLIN NEAR FUTURE (BERLIN'S 323). IN ADDITION BENEFIT ENVISAGED BY BRANDT, SUCH VISIT WOULD SERVE UNDERSCORE CONTINUED BI-PARTISAN SUPPORT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.

SINCE BERLIN IS RESPONSIBILITY THREE WESTERN POWERS RATHER THAN NATO BELIEVE NAC STATEMENT SHOULD BE PRIMARILY IN CONTEXT GERMAN REUNIFICATION RATHER THAN SITUATION HERE AND NOT SPECIFICALLY AIMED TOWARDS KHRUSHCHEV'S THREATS RE BERLIN. IN ABSENCE FURTHER SOVIET MOVE SUGGEST ISSUANCE BE HELD IN ABEYANCE IN ORDER AVOID OPPORTUNITY FOR SOVIETS TO PRODUCE COUNTER PROPAGANDA WHICH WOULD INCREASE ANXIETY PUBLIC OPINION HERE.

GEN. HAMLETT AND BURNS CONCUR FOREGOING.

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